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### Field Crops

For the week ending October 3, **Cotton** bolls have opened on virtually all of the acreage, the same as last year and slightly behind the five year average. Harvest is complete on 15 percent of the acreage compared to 10 percent last year and the five year average of 17 percent. **Cotton** condition was reported as 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 29 percent excellent.

**Alfalfa** harvest remained active on over half of the State's acreage. Forty-six percent of the acreage had no harvest activity. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 14 percent excellent.

### Range and Pasture

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 23 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 18 percent good, and 7 percent excellent.

### Herbs, Fruit, Vegetables & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons. Western Arizona producers shipped green onions, radishes and watermelons last week.

Producers in western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

### CROP PROGRESS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton				
Open Bolls	99	95	99	100
Harvest	15	10	10	17

### CROP CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	4	16	66	14
Cotton	1	2	26	42	29
Range/Pasture (This Week)	23	34	18	18	7
Range/Pasture (Last Year)	15	24	31	21	10

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending October 2. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Flagstaff to 2 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 103 degrees at Parker and Yuma and the lowest reading was 30 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was

reported at 8 of the 17 reporting stations. Casa Grande and Kingman received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.03 inches and Winslow received the highest amount of rainfall at 0.89 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data  
September 26 - October 2, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	61	-3	82	40	0.83	6.17	7.06
Casa Grande	79	-2	99	54	0.03	7.05	6.81
Coolidge	79	0	100	56	0.00	6.56	6.79
Douglas	70	-3	85	48	0.00	8.09	10.76
Flagstaff	54	-4	74	30	0.23	12.36	17.41
Gila Bend	83	-1	101	61	0.00	3.61	5.11
Grand Canyon	54	-1	75	34	0.53	10.44	12.85
Kingman	70	1	90	50	0.03	3.37	7.68
Parker	82	0	103	63	0.00	2.72	3.97
Payson	64	-3	81	40	0.42	16.75	16.84
Phoenix	83	2	100	68	0.00	5.12	5.89
Prescott Airport	62	1	82	42	0.00	4.33	11.26
Safford Ag Center	72	-3	86	47	0.05	9.15	7.28
Tucson	77	-1	92	55	0.00	5.81	9.34
Willcox	68	-2	83	44	0.00	9.56	10.03
Winslow	63	-3	80	41	0.89	6.32	6.10
Yuma	83	0	103	64	0.00	1.16	2.19

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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